

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

**JASON CASADOS and SUSAN MULVANEY,**

**Plaintiffs,**

**v.**

**No. 10-cv-0751 JAP/SMV**

**SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA;  
LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE GROUP, INC.; and  
LIBERTY MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY;**

**Defendants.**

**SECOND AMENDED INITIAL SCHEDULING ORDER**

This case is assigned to me for scheduling, case management, discovery, and all non-dispositive motions.<sup>1</sup> Both the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as amended, as well as the Local Rules of the Court apply to this lawsuit. Civility and professionalism will be required of counsel. Counsel shall read and comply with “A Lawyer’s Creed of Professionalism of the State Bar of New Mexico.” Considering the procedural posture of this case and that the undersigned has recently been assigned, a new Rule 16 Scheduling Conference is warranted.

The parties, appearing through counsel or pro se, will “meet and confer” no later than **April 4, 2014**, to formulate an amended Provisional Discovery Plan. Fed R. Civ. P. 26(f). The time allowed for discovery is generally 150 to 180 days and will run from the Rule 16 scheduling conference. Initial disclosures under Fed R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) shall be made within 21 days of the meet-and-confer session, if they have not been made already.

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<sup>1</sup> On February 4, 2014, I was assigned to this case after the retirement of the previous referral judge, the Honorable Alan C. Torgerson, United States Magistrate Judge.

The parties will cooperate in preparing an amended Joint Status Report and Provisional Discovery Plan (“JSR”), following the sample JSR available at the Court’s web site. The blanks for suggested/proposed dates are to be filled in by the parties. Actual case management deadlines will be determined by the Court after consideration of the parties’ requests. Plaintiff (or Defendant in removed cases) is responsible for filing the amended JSR by **April 18, 2014**.

Parties may not modify case management deadlines on their own. Good cause must be shown and the Court’s express and written approval obtained for any modification of the dates in the scheduling order that issues from the amended JSR.

A Rule 16 scheduling conference will be held by telephone on **May 9, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.** Parties shall call Judge Vidmar’s teleconference line at **(215) 446-3656**, using code **4382538**, to be connected to the proceedings. Counsel shall be prepared to discuss the following: discovery needs and scheduling, all claims and defenses, the use of scientific evidence and whether a *Daubert* hearing is needed, *see Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharm., Inc.*, 509 U.S. 579, 590–92 (1993), initial disclosures, and the timing of expert disclosures and reports under Fed R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2). We will also discuss settlement prospects, alternative dispute resolution possibilities, and consideration of consent pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). Client attendance is not required.

Pre-trial practice in this case shall be in accordance with the foregoing.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the deadlines shall be as follows:

**Meet and Confer by:** **April 4, 2014**

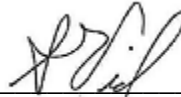
**Amended JSR filed by:** **April 18, 2014**

**Initial Disclosures due within 21 days of the  
meet-and-confer session, but in no event later than:**

**April 25, 2014**

**Telephonic Rule 16 Scheduling Conference:**

**May 9, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.**



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**STEPHAN M. VIDMAR**  
**United States Magistrate Judge**